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IN RE APPLICATION: Laurent DUBEDOUT, et al.

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FILED: December 20, 2006 EXAMINER: WILLIAMS, R. H.

FOR: METHOD OF ASSEMBLING TWO HERMETIC THREADED TUBULAR JOINTS

COMPRISING A LOCAL AND INITIAL ADDED THICKNESS, BY MEANS OF PLASTIC

**EXPANSION** 

## LETTER SUBMITTING REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEET(S)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Alexandria, VA 22313

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here	Responsive to the below indicated commuwith:	nication, the following drawing sheets are submitted
	4 Replacement Drawing Sheets  Annotated Drawing Sheets	<ul><li>New Drawing Sheets</li><li>Color Photographs/Drawing Sheets</li></ul>
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The changes and/or modifications made include the following:

Substitute Figures 1-11 are amended to add cross-hatching as required in the outstanding Office Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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